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Jackson, Mississippi, Thursday, January 21, 1954

About The Bible

By REV. J. R. DAVIS

To explain people called Baptist one must consult the Bible for Baptists owe their very existnce the Bible. To define Baptist and Baptist Doctrine once again one must be able to understand the Bible and its great and wonderful teachings. For Baptists believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God, and they accept it as the sole and sufficient guide for their faith and practice.

I. We believe, first of all, that the Bible is the Divine Word of God. Baptists across the years have believed in the Divine inspiration of the Bible, not a part of it, but all of it. They have fully believed that, 'Holy men of old spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirnt" (II Peter 1:21). This is the first and primary truth con- not believe this with all of his cerning the Bible. If a person does



(Continued On Page Four)

What Baptists Believe Southern Baptists Get **Good Look At Selves**

Evangelistic Conference Off To Excellent Start

"Evangelism began in the Gar- of evangelism. den of Eden when Adam and Eve were driven out, and will end in thing about—his own soul." victory when Satan is cast into the State Evangelistic Conference Monday night in Jackson's First Church.

Dr. Matthews, noted Southern blem of Evangelism, further de-

now in the last dispensation, the church age, and Southern Baptists ed with all its contributions. have a church-centered program

"Evangelism deals with the most valuable thing a man knows any-

Stirring the hundreds of Missisbottomless pit," declared Dr. C. sippi Baptist pastors and other E. Matthews of Dallas, Texas, be-church leaders gathered for their fore the opening session of the annual conference on evangelism (Continued On Page Two)

Important Notice

The first quarter of the conven-Baptist leader and secretary of tion year 1953-54 will end Jan. 31 evangelism for the Home Mission and the record of the mission Board, in speaking on "The Reve- gifts of all the churches for the lation of the Southern Baptist Pro- first quarter will be published in the Baptist Record for February. Every church is urged to send "All down through the ages God in all mission money on hand to has been preparing the world for reach the office in Jackson by ly unnoticed developments, such the institution (the church) that Jan. 31 in order that a proper as: will win the final victory. We are record of all gifts may be made

should be read by every reader of the Baptist Record, It was written by George Cornel of the Associated Press. For several years he was on the AP staff at Washington. He now specializes on religious news and related subjects and writes a weekly column for the AP.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 A South ern Baptists are taking a look at themselves.

Generally they are pleased by what they see, denominational leaders say, but they are also in for some surprises.

It is the first time they have had such a full-length view.

The mirror was held up to them this week by Dr. William Wright Barnes, professor of history at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

His findings point up some wide-

1. That intensely independent Southern Baptist churches have moved steadily toward more consolidated denominational organiza-

2. That only after a sharp struggle did they throw off a movement for "high church" exclusiveness that held Baptist churches were the only valid true churches.

3. That the denomination, once hesitant to speak out on community questions for fear of detracting from emphasis on individual redemption, has increasingly recognized the need to project the Gospel into "every individual and social problem."

4. That Baptist churches, in their mistrust of ecclesiastical authority once were even suspicious of having denominational seminaries to train ministers. (The denomination's five major seminaries now enroll nearly 1,500.)

5. That Southern Baptists, with continuing consistency, have refused bids to join any of the rising, interdenominational bodies, either on the national or world scenethough some have favored it.

The historical study of the Southern Baptist Convention supervised by a five-man commission and Broadman Press

It traces the story of the de-

Stewardship Week To Be Featured Again In 1954

ABC Days To Be Emphasized Oct. 31-Nov. 7

Christian Stewardship Week, so 1953, will be featured again this year Oct. 31-Nov. 7, it has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary and Rev. Joe Abrams, Director of Pro-

Every church in the state is urged to participate by marking the calendar now and choosing one of the two alternate plans being suggested/

ABC Days will by the theme, emphasizing the ABC's of Bible Stewardship. The ABC's stand for "Ask God," "Believe Him," and "Commit Thy Ways."

Two plans are being suggested Plan A and Plan B. Plan A is a School of Stewardship, the same Plan as used in 1953, using the same books and is suggested for those churches that did not participate in 1953.

Plan B is a Stewardship Revival with study, sermons and visitation featured.

The following is a recommended the Sunday School and Training (Continued On Page Four)

successful and well-received in Re-Elected Officers Of Association Are Congratulated



Rev. Tom L. Pfeifer, pastor of Building in Jackson.

Firty-First Avenue Church, Me- Those extending congratulations ident, and Rev. L. C. Hoff, pasridian, third from right, and Miss are Dr. Chester L. Quarles, of tor of Steens Creek Church, Florschedule: (1) Sunday-Steward- McKeithen, educational director of Jackson, (left) executive secre- ence, assistant secretary. ship sermons in morning and evening services, stewardship lesson in gratulated upon being re-elected as tion Board, and Dr. John E. erators and clerks present, the published by the convention's president and secretary respective- Barnes, of Hattiesburg, pastor of largest attendance in years. The October 31); (2) Monday Night by of the Association of Mod-Main Street Church and president body adopted a new constitution, Tenn., is the first of its scope. -Bible study, 45 minutes, followed erators and Clerks at the close of of the Mississippi Baptist Conven- and will meet again next year on by sermon, with attendance pro- their annual meeting Monday aft- tion. New officers, not in the pic- the eve of the State Evangelistic nomination from its beginnings ernoon of this week at the Baptist ture are Rev. M. G. Reedy, pas- Conference.

tor of Ruleville church, vice-pres-

Circulation Still Climbing-82,934

Southern Baptists

(Continued From Page One) 108 years ago, through a maze of controversies, setbacks and growth to its present stature as the nation's fastest-growing major religious body.

Southern Baptists now number nearly eight million, and since 1950 have been adding members at the rate of more than a quarter million a year.

The new study said Peter Routh, convention executive secretary, "can play an important role in introducing Southern Baptists to themselves.'

"A really monumental work, said the Rev. J. W. Storer of Tulsa, Okla., convention president.

The book develops in detail the theme that it was not only the slavery issue that split Southern from Northern Baptist-but also a dispute, based on a misunderstanding, over home missionary activity.

steadily, until the final break in Hazelhurst in Copiah county. He 1845 that the South was being "al- will assume his new duties Janumost totally neglected" in assign- ary 31. ment of missionaries.

The complaints were "honestly made but were based on inadequate information," writes Barnes, meeting has been revived, and a but "the effect on Southern minds growing interest has been maniwas the same as if the charges fested in all organizations. The had been true."

se liment in the North, he says, that precipitated the final split—to build an annex to the present and caused Southerners from 11 states to form a separate convention at Augusta, Ga., in May 1845.

Afterward, delegates adjourned "for the Lord's Supper."

South, were outnumbered by the Mission Board. extremists." Attempts to rejoin the mittently until today.

The study deals only briefly with the denomination's aloofness from the National Council of Churches. Southern Baptist, and the Missouri significant. Offerings for all causes Synod of the Lutheran Church are totaled approximately \$35,000 last the only two Protestant denomia- year. This is about 35 per cent of tions not in the council.

Barnes, is that their "churches average of \$5 per member per ancannot be bound by the convention to cooperate or not cooperate with any interdenominational organization, since the churches themselves are independent bod-pel-rather than any denomination. ies."

That idea harkens back to the struggle over "high churchism" or "landmarkism" that permeated the Southern convention until after the turn of the century, and still influences many of its churches.

The movement held that only Baptist churches are real New Testament churches - that all Southern Baptists," Barnes said. others are human societies-and that religious fellowship with other cets of the denomination, the rise denominations thus is unaccept-

This position resembled, in some ways, that of the Roman Catholics, grams, publishing, schools, hospialthough Southern Baptist have al- tals and missions ways been critical of Catholic authoritarianism.

believes, it was the local individual edly be the most influential book church that had "ultimate authori- to appear within Southern Baptist ty" over proclamation of the Gos- circles."

Jimmy Hodges Accepts Shady Grove Pastorate



REV. JIMMY HODGES

Jimmy Hodges, for three years pastor of Progress Church in Pike County, has resigned to become Southern churches complained pastor of Shady Grove Church near

During this time Progress church has had forty additions, prayer church now has a cooling system, It was, however, the abolitionist and a new pulpit has recently building in the near future.

Besides giving twenty per cent

of its gross offerings through the Cooperative Program, the church gives an additional one thousand to Augusta's First Baptist Church dollars a year toward the sponsorship of Miss Dorothea Lane, a Reunion efforts after the Civil Southern Baptist Missionary to War failed. Comments Barnes: Kokura, Japan. This is with the 'The moderate men, North and full cooperation of the Foreign

Last year each member of the two branches have continued inter-church gave an average of \$16.40 to missions.

Growth of Baptist Work in Japan since World War II has been the tithe potential of the conven-The Southern Baptist idea, says tion's 7,000 church members. This num would compare to \$50 per member if measured by U. S. income standards.

> This view, Barnes said, led to a challenge of the authority of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and finally boiled to a showdown in the 1905 convention, when many Landmarkers, mostly in Arkansas and Texas, withdrew.

"The agitation left a deposit in the thinking and organization of

The book probes many other faof women's activities and their final admission to the convention, the development of training pro-

Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theologi-For Southern Baptist "landmark | cal Seminary said it "will undoubt-

Evangelistic Conference (Continued From Page One) he further noted:

of Evangelism reveals itself, first fess Christ," Dr. Homer G. Lindin its improvement in those spe- say, pastor First Church of Jackcializing in evangelism, the state sonville, Fla., told the audience evangelism secretaries, pasters at the closing moments of the Tues- Jan. 24-29. and other church leaders, later day morning session of the conrevealing itself throughout the ference. church.

1946 there were 253,000' baptisms audience. in the Southern Baptist Convention. This past year there were er and successful evangelist said: 361,835."

ism called the meeting to order the condemnation of God." rection of Dr. E. Powell Lee, of gical, and Practical." Dallas, director of music of the Home Mission, Board.

Douglas Hudgins, host pastor.

"There is nothing more challenging, interesting, and stimulat-"The Southern Baptist Program ing than to persuade men to con-

"Do not be afraid to weep over "It reveals itself secondly in the sinners. We cannot plead unless whole audience to do the same." increased number of baptisms. In we bleed," he further told his

Going still further the noted lead-"We preach the word in depen- unsuccessful Evangelist." Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, of Jackson, dence upon the Holy Spirit to per-

a spirited song session under di- it is Biblical, Logical, Psycholo- due consideration being given to

single sinner to repent and re- prayer, preparation, publicity vis-Welcoming the group to the ceive the Lord Jesus Christ, why itation, the invitation and other church and the city was Dr. W. is it not right to plead with a features.

Wilbanks To Lead **Hurricane Creek Meet**

Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, state Director of Evangelism, will be the evangelist for the Revival to be held at Hurricane Creek Church,

Rev. R. A. Hancock, pastor, will direct the singing with Mrs. Chester Germany at the piano.

"This matter of persuading men drawing the net-giving the invitation-is probably the chief differences between a successful and

Emphasis was placed throughout state Baptist director of evange- suade men they are sinners under on the Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism which is also the at 7:15 Monday evening following "We give an invitation because Mississippi Baptist Program, with inspirational messages, organiza-"If it is right to plead with a tion techniques, methods study,



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Comprehensive State Mission Budget

The State Mission Budget for this year of \$236,680 is Mississippi Baptists' largest and most comprehensive budget, compared to last' year's budget of \$214,424.

The budget contains a total of 27 different items, including the eight regular departments. Sunday School, Training Union, B. S. U., W. M. U., Music, Brotherhood, Rural Church Work and Negro Work.

The Negro Work Department, Dr. W. A. Keel, secretary, is the newest of the regular Departments, having been added last year.

The other items in the budget include: Church Building Aid, Emergency Church Building Aid, B. S. U. Campus, Indian Work, Pastoral Aid, Convention Expense, Board and Committee Meetings, Evangelistic Conference, State Mission Promotion and Tracts, Associational and Area Missions, Historical Society, Service Personnel Aid, Preacher's Bible School, Temperance, Religious Education Association Institute, Chinese Mission, Miscellaneous, and Penitentiary Religious Supplies.

Notable increases were made in two phases of work, Negro Work, which was increased from \$14,000 to \$29,630, and temperance, which was increased from \$7,750 to \$10,000

The Negro Work budget, however, includes \$11,630 for the Negro Work Department and \$15,000 for extension, primarily through the Mississippi Baptist Seminary (for Negroes).

\$3,000 in that budget is set aside for BSU work on three of the Negro college campuses of the state.

The additional amount in the temperance budget went to the United Dry Organization for the purpose of adding personnel so that a more effective legislative and promotional program might be maintained.

Several items received slight increases in their allocations while others received decreases.

House Bill No. 125

Late Thursday afternoon, January 14, 1954, there was dropped into the hopper of the Mississippi Legislature, H. B. No. 125. We have not seen the body of the bill, but from its title it seeks to ban all wine and beer advertising in Mississippi, whether by newspaper, billboard, radio. TV, or in any other manner. The bill was signed by 26 members of the House, who state that they are incensed, most of them as parents.

SHADOW OF THE FUTURE



over the ever-increasing invasion of their homes by alcoholic beverage advertising. The bill was referred to Judiciary Committee Division "C" composed of:

H. Edwin White (Holmes),

Chairman
Edgar J. Stephens (Union)
Dennis M. Baker (Panola)
Reese O. Bickerstaff

(Harrison)
John B. Farese (Benton-Tippah)

George W. Howell (Monroe)
Tyler Holmes (Montgomery)
Bill Johnson (Newton)
Connie Mack Loyd (Winston)
George W. Rogers (Warren)
Billy O. Semmes (Grenada-

Montgomery)
Bennett E. Smith (Choctaw)
T. L. Williamson (Lamar)
Dave Womack (Humphreys)
D. M. Maples (George)
James Robertshaw
(Washington)

If this bill does what it purports to do it should have the all out support of Christian people all over the state.

While it is not proposed by organized temperance forces, it will have their full support. You are urged to contact your representatives and senators, especially those on Judiciary "C" by letter, wire, and personal contact urging them to support H. B. 125.

There Are Better Ways

From one of our exchanges we learn that a Christian magazine recently promoted an attendance contest among Sunday Schools. Among the methods used to increase the attendance were:

A Methodist church in Los Angeles got movie cowboy, Roy Rogers, to bring his horse, Trigger, to church.

The superintendent of a Baptist Sunday School stayed up in a tree for 20 hours, until the attendance reached 1,000.

We doubt the wisdom of the methods used by these schools. We also feel that most of the new attendants came more to see Trigger and the tree-sitter than to study God's Word.

We think the superintendent of the Sunday School who stayed up in the tree missed a good opportunity to swell his attendance to more than 1,000. If he got 1,000 in 20 hours, why not stay in the tree 40 hours and get 2,000? No doubt many attended the Sunday School in sympathy for the superintendent. They could not bear the thought of his staying in that tree and starving. Perhaps others went feeling that after they had seen the show, they ought to attend in part payment.

There has never yet been devised a better plan than a good solid Sunday School program. Included in such a program is visitation, a good teaching program and good planning.

Our Readers Write

AN AWFUL DESECRATION

Another Christmas has passed. The end came to another of the most sacred seasons of all the year. Christmas, as I know it now and have known it for more than two score years, is a sacred season. It's a time when people of all walks of life enter into the festivities of the season with minds trained upon a common thought, and with their hearts atuned to the blessed commemoration of the birth of the Christ Child nineteen hundred and fifty years ago.

Christmas is indeed a day when Christian men, women and children of all the world, of all races, colors, and creeds join in solemn celebration of the birth of Christ by singing carols appertaining to "Joy To the World, Peace on the earth, good will to men." Some preaching sermons from pulpits, from microphones, and from the village streets. All of them telling the age-old story of the Virgin Birth. Expressing it with mirth, with merriment, with jollity, yea, with an abundance of festivity. Some singing,

pouring out fro mthe depths of their souls sweet songs upon the wintry air, proclaiming anew the sweet retrains of "The Babe in the Manger."

Most of the day Christmas Eve I sat with my family in the quiet atmosphere of our country home. I listened most of the day to the varied programs on the radio. Many of these programs thrilled me. They kept renewing in me the blessed sacredness that should exist in all homes on Christmas. That deep feeling that can only be experienced by one who has become acquainted with the Lowly Nazarene whose birth we celebrate on Christmas. While listening my mind went back to another Christmas Eve, a day I'll never forget. It was in 1948. I remember hearing, on one of the outstanding major networks, a beautiful and touching program where a narrator gave in vivid drama the meaning of the Lord's Prayer. This performance thrilled my very soul and caused me to again thank God that I am privileged to live in the great free America where free expression of thought and unhindered worship originated, where the thoughts of human rights and privileges have embedded themselves indelibly in the very nature of the American man. Where people can worship God in their own way. Where one can freely call upon God wherever he may be, and can receive comfort when his spirit is lowest.

Then it was that my heart sank to a new low for the year when a program came blearing through the ether waves of God's great world. It was being sponsored by a brewing company of St. Louis. Here were trained actors and actresses with trained singing voices using Christmas carols to advertise beer. They even committeed the sacrilege of changing the wording of a Christmas Carol, substituting beer barrel poetry for the sacred lines of an emotional song writer.

It was then that I answered my own thought. I was shocked when I realized that people right in our own blessed America were flagrantly deviating from the true Christmas; from the solemn purpose of the Christmas Carol that is meant to bring good cheer, peace, and good will to men; and from the occasion where all mankind can sing to a King, and were turning to the degredation of advertising a fool's broth. My answer to the question, "do all men in America recognize the Christ of Calvary," was, no!

My prayer now is that God might help mankind to gain enough respect for the things that Christian men and women hold dearest in life, for Christianity, to, at least, recognize the great dividing chasm that separates things of the world from things that are eternal.

KIAH F. SMITH, Supt. Victory Cons. School, Deacon, Oral Baptist Church.

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What Baptists Believe

(Continued From Page One) lieart and mind, then the Bible labor and are heavy laden and I Bible as guide in our faith and will not and cannot mean what will give you rest," and in order practice. We hold that the New it should. We as Baptists and cer- to respond to this invitation one Testament is the law of Christitainly I do as one, believe that does not have to do so through the Bible is the Word of God. the medium of Priests, Whenever When we say that the Bible is and wherever an earnest repen-When we say that the Bible is and wherever an earnest repen-the Word of God, we mean that tant Christian gets down on his The New Testament will always be God is the author of the Bible, knees before God, there you have God selected the historical events a Priest, an altar and an accepto be recorded, the illustrations to table sacrifice. This we believe of the Old Testament, nor that the be used the truths to be set forth, the Bible teaches. and the doctrines to be taught. In the production of the Bible over tive to man taught by revelation. of regenerated baptized believers, a period of 1400 years, God select- In the early part of the Bible we and none but redeemed people and guided them while they were His own image. This means that baptize infants because the New clude in our belief of the Bible that God gave man dominion over that the Book teaches there are known."

other book does. Here I think we lieve in the total depravity of the as Baptist have no desire to go came upon "the distinctive Bap- whole human race. Not that all tist doctrine, "if we Baptists have men are equally bad or that all one. Too many people when you men are as bad as they could be; grace through faith, and that it is mention the word Baptist imme- but that all parts of men and of ist group. For there are other death passed upon all men, for and for the first 1300 years prac- :12). Because of this condition man has absolutely no right to dictate tically all Christian groups im- is utterly helpless and hopeless and teaches it, is the dignity, sanctity tion. that we place this doctrine ahead of redemption takes us beyond of God, or justification by faith, of the Bible take us back to the this precious principle today. to competency of the individual which God choosing Abraham and his through the years Baptists have descendants as His peculiar peo-

we hold that each person must act redemption than the deliverance and speak for himself when he from Egypt. All was leading to comes of age in the matter of the Jesus Christ who came to redeem salvation of his own soul. No man God's last people from the bondis to act as a proxy for another age of sin. This deliverance Jesus in the matter of the soul. There- accomplished by the sacrifice of fore, because a priest is one who Himself. He purchased unto God approaches God for another, we a people to be God's own posbelieve that there should be no session. The New Testament looks other than an Anglican. His intermediary between God and forward to the time when this study of the Bible led to his afman. Every man can, and must redemptive work will be consuapproach God for himself without mated and God's redeemed people the interference of Priest, sacra will be taken up into eternal union haps the greatest of British ment or ritual or anyghing else. and fellowship with God.

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God, speaking through His son mands. We look not to the edicts of said, "Come unto me all ye that any counsel of men, but to the

2. There is another truth relaed men and inspired them to write read where God created man in should belong to it. We refuse to writing. Let us as Baptists con man is a spiritual being with spi- Testament teaches that each per-Divine Revelation to us. There- ing fellowship with God. It is in speak for himself. fore, everything else we may in this connection that we are told logically follows from this truth. all that God had made. Man was two: baptism and the Lord's II. We believe that the Bible is to exercise lordship under God, Supper. They do not convey grace, a Revelation. By Revelation we over the whole creation. But man but are only symbols. That only a mean a "showing forth", "making sought to exalt himself to the place of God. He sought this lordship to be baptized and only after 1. It reveals man to himself, of man without the Lordship of Scriptural baptism can one par-It reveals to man his own dignity God, and he sinned and plunged take of the Lord's Supper. This is diately think of the people who the race have been touched and baptize by immersion, and this tainted with sin. "Wherefore, as lose the joy of his salvation withthey think is our distinction. But by one man sin entered into the out losing his salvation. we are not simply an immersion-world, and death by sin; and so groups who immerse for baptism, that all have minned" (Romans 5 of church and state. That the state mersed. Let it be understood clear must depend upon God for deliver ligion or to tax him to support any ly now and always that the basic ance. Thus the Bible reveals man church. Every man is free before doctrine of Baptists as the Bible in his dignity and in his degrada-

believer. Surely you will not under- plainly presented in the Bible and American writes, "Freedom Holy Spirit. But it is in this be- mise that the seed of woman shall fore. lief in the dignity sanctity and bruise the serpent's head. We see felt compelled to emphasize, a ple. When they were enslaved in doctoine we believe is one of the Egypt, God redeemed them by fundamental doctrines of Revela- His grace and power and entered into covenant with them as a na-With this great teaching in mind tion. All of this points to a greater scion. The New Testament looks

> competency and sanctity the salvation of her of the individual. The total de- ing him to accept her faith. It reached the same conclusion-that Similar tour leaves, New York pravity of the human race and was because of Spurgeon's study of faith of the Baptists was more wery. Friday through May 14. wonderful plan of redemption from the Bible that he became a Bap nearly in accord with the Word of Also a 3 week tour, via the a Sovereign, Loving and Merciful tist. God.

II. The Bible being a Divinely Inspired Book and God's revela-

anity. Dr. B. H. Carroll, in his book, "Baptists and their Doctrines" says, "all the New Testathe law of Christianity. This does not deny the inspiration or profit church is a New Testament institution. That it is a spiritual body tinue to hold the Bible as God's ritual capacities, capable of hav- son should believe and should

In matter of ordinances we hold "born again person" has the right

We hold that salvation is by by the Holy Spirit is born eternal-

We believe the Book is very to men's conscience concerning re-God. Baptists have always been the champion of these precious and competency of the individual 3. But there is another truth rights. Bancroft, in history of stand me to mean by the above that is redemption. This message conscience, unlimited freedom of Stewardship Week the mind, was first the trophy of of our belief in the Sovereignty man to God. This central theme Baptists". How we need to cherish

> of God is truly the Sword of the Spirit. That it is, "quick, and powerful and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and dance promoted by W.M.U.: (5) is a discerner of the thoughts and Thursday night - tithers Enlistintents of the heart" (Hebrew 4:

Two of the leading men in English Baptist history became Bap-Scriptures. William Carey, the budget in one day." father and founder of the modern missionary movement, was the first of his father's house to be Charles Haddo Spurgeon, perect.

hand down laws or to issue com- Congregational Church, read and t s held by Baptists.



Shown above are the officers elected by the newly organized Sunny Hill Church, Pike County. The parson, Rev. A. J. Chandler, is in the center of the front row

SUNNY HILL MISSION ORGANIZED AS CHURCH

Sunny Hill Mission, a few miles west of McComb, which has been day revival in the summer of 1952 operating as an arm of the Tangi- in a tent. After using the tent for pahoa Church, has been organized several months a building was beand worth in a manner that no the whole race into sin. We bename of Sunny Hill Baptist Church.

> Dedicational and organizational exercises took place January 10. livered by Editor A. L. Goodrich ly into God's Kingdom. One may of the Baptist Record. Others having part on the program were Dr. Cecil Randall, Ralph Reeves, Rev. J. A. Terrel, Billy Rhymes, Leon Powell, Mrs. Frank Magee Rev. C. F. Barnes, Rev. R. Jones, Dr. Wyatt Hunter, Rev. T. D. Sumrall, and Rev. A. J. Chand-

> > The mission was established in 1952 under the direction of Tangipahoa Church, the pastor Rev. A. J. Chandler and a committee com-

(Continued From Page One) moted by Brotherhood and me to of the church; (3) Tuesday night -Bible study, 45 minutes, followed by sermon, with attendance We believe the Bible, the Word promoted by Training Union and young people, a playlet by young people may also be presented; (4) Wednesday night - Stewardship banquet (where convenient) Bible study, and sermon; attenment Visitation, or visitation for high attendance on Sunday; (6) Friday night-Visitations as on Thursday and (7) Sunday-Victory tists because of their study of the Day, "Oversubscribe the increased

> Various informational and promotional materials will be made available soon with suggested plans for conducting the week.

Each church is urged to choose

India. Traveling separately, they tour-\$695. God than that which they had thus Queen Elizabeth, departing April Two of the leading Baptists in far held and that, if they were to 28, all expenses-\$595. America likewise came from other be true to their convictions, they Christian groups to the Baptist must unite with the American tion to us, we as Baptists accept Faith because of their study of Baptists. Thus it has happened the Bible as our only authority in the Scriptures. Luther Rice and time and again that the study of matters spiritual. We as Baptist Adoniram Judson, both sent forth the Bible has led thoughtful men have no ecclesiastical overlord to as missionaries to India by the and women to accept the faith as

posed of Felix Bearden, Mrs. Felix Bearden, J. W. Caston, Bernard Wilson, and Phillip Powell.

The work was started with a 10 outside friends and the T naipaboa Church have assisted the neople of Sunny Hill section with funds for the building. The lot on which the church building stands was donated by J. R. Johnson.

The membership now numbers 80 and the 1954 budget totals \$4 .-793. Mr. Chandler will serve the church as pastor in connection with his regular pastorate at Tangipahoa.

Officers elected at the first meeting of the newly constituted church are: Rev. A. J. Chandler, pastor; Frank Magee, clerk; A. R. Merritt, treasurer; Mrs. Johnson, Music Director; Leon Powell, Sunday School supt .: B McKnight, Jr. Training Union director; Mrs. Carl Wilkinson, W. M. U. president, and J. D. Moak, berhood president.

On the day of its constitution, the church also adopted the Every Family Plan of the Baptist Rec-

_BR---Rev. and Mrs. John A. Abernathy, Southern Baptist missionaries to Korea, have moved from Pusan to Seoul. All first class and personal mail of all kinds should be sent to their APO address: Baptist Mission, APO. 72, c-o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif. Relief clothing should be sent to Rev. Daniel B. Ray, P. O. Box 35, Pusan, Korea.

London Air Tour

Dr. J. W. (Bill) Marshall has arranged a tour to I ondon, England, filiation with a Baptist church, its plan early and begin to make in time for the opening of the preparations to observe the week. Billy Graham campaign. You can leave New York City via TWA preachers, had a devout mother, a studied their Greek New Testa- "Skyliner," February 26, for two So the Bible clearly reveals the Puritan, who prayed earnestly for ments on the long sea journey to unforgettable weeks. All expense

Additional details available from Dr. Bill Marshall, c/o MARSHALL TOURS, P.O. Box 1203, Dallas, Texas, or write New York office, c/o Hotel Chatham, 33 E. 48th St., New York 17, N.Y.

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OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

By AUNT POLLY

We have a group of very attractive young people at our "Look, Listen and Learn" for your church, but I recently visited in a worship services? Lead the othchurch where they did not listen er young people in your church closely to their pastor's message. in this slogan and I bet the His message is God's word and grown-ups will notice! Jesus expects us to hear it.

I wanted to tell them to "Look, Learn and Listen," and tell them a story Jesus told about a man who planted seed He said, "As a youth organization that meets he was sowing, some of the seed every Saturday night at some fell on ground that had been Baptist church in the county. walked on until it was hard; the birds came and ate these seeds. Some of the seeds fell on rocky ground where there was very lit- officers are filled by young people tle soil; they sprang up quickly because there was very little depth and the sun scorched them and they died back. Still other ular meetings we sing, pray, have seeds fell among thorns, and the devotionals, special music and a thorny-plants were so thick that guest speaker. They are somethey choked out the seed. The oth- times out-of-county and some er seed fell in rich soil and yield- times we use our own young peoed a good crop."

We understand the earthly meaning of this parable, but what eryone is invited to come. was its heavenly meaning? The may not have a house full, but gospel story is like seed, for as God's presence is felt. we plant it some grow and some do not. Too often people who hear the gospel message do not really listen! They look at pictures that someone thoughtlessly took from a pocket; they pass notes, or even whisper. That is like the seed that fell on hard

There are other people who think the gospel is wonderful but they haven't time to study and learn about God. They do not have time to serve him and work for him. When they pray they sometimes do not receive the answer for which they asked; they do not realize that God has a reason for not granting their petition. The little seed in their hearts wither, as the seed in thin soil, or it is choked out with other things, as the one among the weeds.

Then there are some who live for Christ. They serve him and put his business first. Their hearts are like the rich, deep soil.

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YOUTH MEETING

Dear Aunt Polly:

In our county (Tippah) we have

In this organization we have our officers who take charge. All except one-our pastor advisor.

Every quarter we have a social and business meeting. In our regple and pastors in the county.

We have no age limit set; ev-

What better place could we be at than church?

We have fun along with our worship program.

Wouldn't it be nice to see ev ery county have this meeting? ANNIE LOIS THORNTON

Dear Annie Lois: I am glad that you wrote about

your youth meeting. Young people need Christian fellowship, and that fellowship should be linked with our churches. I did not know that you had such a fellowship in Tippah county.

One county I know has a Christian Service Band, which is a similar fellowship made up only of young people who have dedicated their lives to full - time service. This is the only such meeting that I had heard about.

AUNT POLLY

Dear Aunt Polly:

I wonder if other people have the problem in their church that our church has. We have some children who go out and come in during the service. No adult sits to sit through a whole service without moving.

Our Intermediate class (14 to polish up on our church manners. We study some point every took up, but it hasn't helped.

Dear Joy:

Studying on church manners is about the most clever idea I have

Motor and Tire Company to these large children to let them writes sending a check with the know how naughty this seems to request that it be continued. That

AUNT POLLY. Record.

ACCEPTS NEW FIELD



REV. H. P. MCDONALD

Rev. H. P. McDonald has accepted the pastorates of Bethsaida Corinth Church in Jasper. He MEETING and 14 were baptized. -BR-

FOUNDATION RECEIVES A GIFT OF \$10,000

A Mississippi Baptist couple made an annuity gift of \$10,000 3. Work Sheet - Pass a Bro- activities are planned at the Excuary 9th designated to endowment ber. for Christian education. At their request their names are withheld. What is meant by an annuity

gift is that the donors receive the income during their lifetime. The principal is an outright and permanent gift and has been so accepted by the officers of our Baptist Foundation. This brings the total amount of endowment and trust funds now held by our Foundation to \$851,931,45, an increase of \$207,385.65 since October 1, 1952.

There are hundreds of people throughout our state who would do well to make such gifts. The income received on an annuity gift is determined by the age of the donor. At age 50 the rate is 4 per cent, or \$40.00 per thousand. At age 80 the rate is 7 percent, or \$70.00 per thousand. If the rate which the donor receives is more than the income the Foundation with them and we can't get them receives on investments the deficit comes out of the principal; so, in the end, the institution of cause to which the gift is designated years) made some reforms the will receive the amount of the first of the year. One of them was gift less the accumulated net cost, ---BR-

Rev. and Mrs. Eugene M. Cross, Sunday. This was the first one we Southern Baptist missionaries to Hawaii, have returned to the States Could you suggest what we can on furlough and may be addressed at 254 Montclair, San Antonio, Tex. JOY ADKISON. Mr. Cross is a native of Hickory, Miss.

BR-After having had the Baptist heard. I would like to know how Record on trial for a few weeks you come out in your campaign, at Mt. Zion Church in Tishomingo Have you or your teacher talked County, Pastor W. C. Hamilton, is the usual result of the Baptist

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary JO ANN SUMMERS, Office Secretary

FIVE BROTHERHOOD

There are five things which a Brotherhood must do in order to be normal, healthful, effective, asuccessful. They are as follows BE ORGANIZED.

The President, three Vice-Presidents, Chorister, Secretary-Trea- MEETING surer, and Committee Chairmen called together in a meeting at. which time an Installation Service is held and the enrollment is made. All or part of these Committees may be formed and used. The size of the enrollment will IV. GOOD PROGRAMS determine the number and size of Committees.

came to the church from two other | Select a definite time for a rehalf-time churches, Cedar Grove gular monthly Executive Commit- VANCE and usually coincide with and Standing Pine Churches in tee Meeting. This is essential to the activities being promoted or Leake County. During the three the life of a successful Brother- to be promoted by the Church. years at Cedar Grove there were hood. The Executive Committee 25 baptisms. At Standing 'Pine, is the PLANNING COMMITTEE where he served four years, a of the Brotherhood. The Execunew brick church was constructed tive Committee is composed of the Pastor, President, three Vice-Pre- THERHOODS. sidents, Chorister, Secretary-Treasurer, Chairmen and Associate PROGRAM. Chairmen of Committees.

1. Meet monthly.

2. Devotional - Scripture and prayer. Read Minutes.

to the Baptist Foundation on Jan-therhood Work Sheet to each mem-cutive Committee Meeting. The

programs and activities for at carry on the activities under the least four months in advance at direction of the Activities Vicethe first meeting. Thereafter plan President.

for one month. That will keep the programs planned 3 months in advance.

5. Read pamphlet on THE EXE-CUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE church brotherhood and its work. 1. THE BROTHERHOOD MUST CHURCH BROTHERHOOD AND ITS WORK

III. CHURCH BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood must meet reare to be elected by the Church. gularly and have a definite time The men of the Church, seventeen to meet. A Brotherhood may meet years of age and above, are then weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly. A Brotherhood may have a supper or meet without one.

1. Supper, Devotional Period, Business Period, Program Period, and Committee Meetings,

Interesting, attractive, and purposeful program will do much to-Church in Montgomery county and 2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ward the success of the Brotherhood. The programs should be planned THREE MONTHS IN AD-

Sources for program material:
1. BROTHERHOOD JOURNAL

2. PRACTICAL PROGRAM HELPS FOR CHURCH BRO

3. ELEMENTS OF A GOOD

4. YOUR OWN INGENUITY

5. BROTHERHOOD ACTIVITIES A Successful Brotherhood always has purposeful activities. These regular Committees or Brotherhood 4. Follow Work Sheet and plan acting as Committee of the Whole

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young Clinton, Mississippi Called and accepted:

J. Herbert Gilmore, Marshal, Mo. from Broomfield, Ky. David F. Mcshare, Heights Mission Blackwell, Okla, from Carter

Mission, Fairfax, Okla. Claud Turner, Little River, Honea Path, S. C. from Friendship,

Bon Secour, Ala. W. Howard Ethington, First, Cornelia, Ga. from Ridgedale Chatta-

Thomas Windsor, Pinehill

Church, Alla. La., from Ball, La. R. S. Crawford, First, Leesville La. from West Side, Emmanuel, Bogalusa, La.

G. W. Smith, Jr., New Salem, Lincoln Co., from Pond Church. Gail G. Buckles, Lin Oaks, Houston, Tex. from Lamon, Tex.

Montague Cook, Trinity, Moultre Ga. from First La. Grange,

Earl Clark, Manning Chapel, Del Rio, Tenn.

A. Roach, Midfield Luter Church, Birmingham, Ala. from Caneyville, Ky.

Austin Roberts, First, Aiken, S. C. from Cynthiana, Ky.

J. Dan Williams, Northgate, Greenville, S. C., from Southern Seminary.

J. B. Keith, Pleasant Grove, Hixon, Tenn. from Sand Mt. Association, Ala.

Byron M. Wilkinson, First Lakeland, Fla., from Grove Ave., Richmond, Va.

Arthur Farmer, First, Duquein III., from Elm Street, Murphysbo-

Kermit T. Melvgin, 1st, Gainesville, Tex., from Robstown, Tex-

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mission work WERE A-1 DURING PAST YEAR Ackerman Baptist Church, Ack-

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goula: Pittsboro Baptist Church, Pittsboro.

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Tylertown Baptist Church

First Baptist Church, Vicksburg.

DON MANUEL BEGINS



REV. DON MANUEL

Riverside Church, in Gulf Coast Association, has called Rev. Donpastor. He is a sophomore in Miss. College.

The church was organized 1949, having been a mission of the Pass Christian Church about two years. It has grown to a membership of nearly one hundred, with an active Sunday School, W. M. U. and R T II

This is Mr. Manuel's first pasto----BR---

O. C. Stegall Accepts **Hopewell Pastorate**

Rev. O. C. Stegall, former pastor of Uraina, La. Baptist church has recently assumed the pastorate of Hopewell Church at Monroe, in Franklin County.

He is also pastor of Damascus church in Franklin County.

Members of Hopewell Church installed a new gas range, new floor covering and other conveniences in the pastorium before his arrival. They also gave the pastor and family a lovely grocery and household shower.

Hopewell church has made much progress during the past few years. They have built a six-room concrete block pastorium, painted the church on the outside, and completely remodeled it inside and are also building additional Sunday school rooms. They equipped the church with a new piano, pulpit, pulpit chairs, gas heating system, carpets, venetian blinds, and desk for the pastor's study. The church is now debt free. BR-

Pastor W. C. Hamilton of the Forest Grove Church in Tishomingo county writers to ask that the Baptist Record be continued to that church. For the past few weeks it has been going to these people on trial. Evidently hey ness of \$1600. The church was retinue it.

Trinity Baptist Church, Vicks-·Calvary Baptist Church, Waynes-

Woodville Baptist Church, Woodville (2).

First Baptist Church, Yazoo City

Yellow Leaf, Oxford. Immanual Baptist Church, Yokena.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT -

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE FUTURE

Board in Nashville. The future of our music program is discussed and determined at this meeting. contniued discussions for a three future program.

ald Manuel, of Pass Christian, as rators, associational missionaries, 55." all associational music officers, district zone and state officers, quiry regarding proposed publicacollege music faculty members tions to the Nashville office. Many and all state workers of all departments. This bulletin will be for from your State Music Office. at least one associational hymn Graded choir materials of ages sing program in each issue. This 4-16 are being prepared. Several item alone will be worth a great new study course books on music deal to our music associations, are being prepared. Some of the Many other interesting items, present books are being re-sed, such as news from the field, grad- Standards of excellence will be ed choir development, assembly available soon. The Church Musimusic camps, state schools of departments. A series of new and church music, and many other comprehensive pamphlets will be items of interest will appear in available soon. The church musithis bulletin from time to time. cian is to offer more and more If you are eligible to receive the help for all age groups. Film bulletin, please help the State Mu- strips and other visual aids will and exact address.

Conferences: The Glorieta Music Conference will be held July During the month of December, 22-28. The Ridgecrest Music Conthe South-Wide Planning Meeting ference will be held August 25-31. for all State Music Secretaries The Mississippi Baptist Church was held at the Sunday School School of Music will be held at Mississippi College, August 2-6.

Music and the Evangelistic Crusade of 1955: The Church Music All State secretaries met joint- Departments will cooperate 100 ly with the southwide workers, per cent with this great effort, State secretaries will be on the day period and below are some of state planning committee. The asthe important items regarding our sociational music directors will be on the steering committee. A spe-Associational Bulletin: A new cial crusade music book will be publication, known as the Asso- available through our Book Store, ciational Church Music Bulletin, is All associational music directors being published beginning with the will be asked to attend Glorieta first quarter of 1954. In fact, the or Ridgecrest in 1954. A book, enfirst issue has already reached titled, "Music Choir Collections for the Music Office. This bulletin Revivals", will be available. The will be sent to associational mode- slogan, "Every church revived in

Publications: Do not direct ininquiries will be promptly issued sic Office by giving us your name soon be available in the music education program.

ST. BAYOU DEDICATES **NEW PASTORIUM**



Under the leadership of the pastor Rev. W. D. Ellinburg, Straight Bayou in Sharkey-Issaquena Association has painted the church, finished the interior of the new pastorium and paid off an indebtedcently dedicated and the church has adopted a full-time program The Cooperative Program has been placed in the church budget

and remittances are made month-The building fund now totals

\$8.50. / BR—

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of subscriptions, from Lantrip Church in Calhoun county. Rev. C. J. Purvis is the pastor. Before sending this nice list

the Lantrip saints had the Baptist. Record on trial and liked it, and therefore plan to continue it.



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MISCELLANEA

Thirty local students participated in our Student Night at Christmas program. Colleges represented were L. S. U., Baylor, Mary Hardin-Baylor, Woman's College. The BSU sponsored a Progressive Caroling Party-130 stu-dents attended. It was decided to make it an annual affair. The BSU Choir sang twice during the month of December. - Joan Stockstill, Jones Jr.

Three from Blue Mtn. joined the local church, 50 enrolled in mer? Do what the Holy Spirit tells Mission Study Course during November. Saturday, January 9, the B.T.U. of B.M.C. held its annual party. The Gal-ry, recreation center, was turned into zooland for about two hours. The prize of the evening for the most unique costume was given to the lobster .-Patty Hollis, Blue Mtn.

Forty-seven students and faculty from Perkinston Jr., recently attended supper at Perkinston

".. we had another young man to surrender to the call to preach," writes BSU Sec'y Roy Isbell of Miss. State.

LEON SMITH ORDAINED

Rev. Leon Smith. Jr., of Mc-Comb, was ordained to the full gospel ministry in a service in the First Church of McComb Sunday night, January 3.

Leon is a graduate of Mississippi College and is in his second year in the Louisville Seminary

The ordination sermon was preached by the pastor, Dr. Wyatt R. Hunger; the Bible was presented by Mr. A. B. Williams; and the ordination prayer was led by Judge W. F. Jackson.

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Three from Womans' College joined a local church, about twenty studied "Tomorrow You Marry during Dec.

Baptist student, have you yet volunteered for special Christian service during the coming sumyou to do about this won't you?

Dedicated Vocations Week is suggested for Feb. 7-14 to help students to find and to follow God's will for their life work.

GIVE - give to the American Bible Society offering in your church. Surely those who do not have the Bible need it for it is the very Word of God to man.

Forty-six participated in Pro gressive Caroling during the Christmas season at Pearl River Jr., an average of 75 attended daily prayer meeting, BSU presented special music at associational "M" night, during Dec.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER January 25-Leadership Con

> ference, Eupora; Percy Pounders Northwest Jr. College BSU President.

January 26-Leadership Conference, East End, Columbus;

B. W. Jones, Lafayette County Convention Board member.

January 27 - Mrs. J. W. Eubanks, District 5 WMU Chairman:

Associational Brotherhood president.

Handsboro, Clarke

-Leadership Con-January 28 ference, Southside, Meridian; Glen Dismukes.

College trustee. January 29-1 eadership Conference, Carthage; Crawford Lipsey, Brookhaven, Woman's College trustee.

January 30-Jesse C. Akers, Lee Associational Training Union director: Mrs. Ned Rice, Mississippi College trus-

tee. January 31-Rev. L. D. Newman, George Associational Sunday School supt.

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M. C. Students Complete Plans For Focus Week

Students at Mississippi College are now making plans for/ their first Religious Focus Week since 1951, which will be held from January 31 to February 5

The full month's preparation for this week of spiritual emphasis was activated last week when Bill Cody, southwide Baptist Student Union leader, was on the campus to map out plans for the special week.

"Christ, The Great Difference" has been selected as the theme with the purpose of the week being to take time out to consider the need for God's will in every area of life. Some of the leading denominational and lay leaders of the south will be on hand to stimulate and direct the thinking of the students.

Already engaged for the week's activities are Mr. Owen Cooper, executive vice-president of the Mississippi Chemical Corp. and a prominent businessman from Yazoo City: Dr. S. B. Platt, a physician from Columbus; Mr. Andy Blaine, B. S. U. secretary at the University of Kentucky; Mrs. J. O. Williams, a much sought after counselor in love, courtship and marriage; Dr. Pollard White, professor from the University of Kentucky; Miss Estelle Slater, assistant in the student department; Dr. Vernon Musselman, author of several books on business education; and Dr. Carl Giers, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Chattanooga.

Lewis Wilhite, a ministerial student from West Monroe, Louisiana, is student director of activities for the week, while Mr. Cody is acting in the capacity of supervisor from the student department. Heading the various Focus Week committees are Arrangements Melvin Jones of Waynesboro; Books and Literature, Paul Bragg of Jackson; Classroom Visitation, Fred Otte of Brookhaven; Evaluation, Danna Stone of Gulf-Guy L. Walker, Wayne port; Hospitality, Johnny Lee Taylor of Crystal Springs; Informal Discussion, Don Manuel of Pass Christian; Music, Charles Ferguson of Weir; Seminar, Dan Pro-Holcomb of Hattiesburg; gram, Ralph Atkinson of Yazoo City; Publicity, Martha A. Smith of Columbia; Spiritual Preparation -Betty Joyce Upton of Macon and Personal Conference, Lou Ann Green of Prentiss.

Tutor Ordained At Rocky Mount, Calhoun

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The Century-old Rocky Church, Calhoun county, ordained

Crocker gave the charge to the the Lord's work. canditlate and the charge to the church was given by Rev. C. H. Ellard. The sermons were deliv- WORKER ered by Rev. C. E. Speck.

rate of Mf. Brasher. Mr. Tutor is da. now a student at Clarke College.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary MISS JACQUELINE HEWITT, Associate MISS JOYCE SUTTON, Office Secretary



MPS EDGAR WILLIAMSON

Mrs. Edgar Williamson, approved worker of Arkansas, will direct the Nursery conferences at our three Sunday School conventions, March 9-11, at Cleveland, Yazoo City and Natchez.

Mrs. Williamson is a very capable worker, and we so earnestly desire for our Nursery workers over the state their attendance upon these conferences under the direction and leadership of this very splendid servant from Arkansas, who will be worth so much to us those days.

Make your plans now to attend the convention most convenient.

WANT A BUS TRIP TO GLORIETA ASSEMBLY?

Yes, Sir, we do mean just that! If we get enough to fill a bus we shall run one from Mississippi to the first Sunday school week, which is July 29-August 4.

Write us if you are interested. By the time we hear from you we can give the cost of the trip, which will be very reasonable for so long

It will be a wonderful experence, and also will give those going the privilege of visiting Southern Baptists' Western Assembly Grounds, just as so many have Ridgecrest for many years.

So, write us, if you are interested. First come, first served.

ATTALA HAS NEW SCHOOLS Attala Association, under the

leadership of Rev. H. H. Ward, Missionary has recently organized Sunday schools in Sand Hill, Bowling and Ebenezer churches That's the way to do real business in reaching people for Bible Artis Tutor to the full gospel study. New schools grow faster ministry on January 10. Rev. A. than others. Many places there Brasher, pastor, was in are where new schools should be organized. Many of these places Rev. J. B. Middleton conducted are now just mission points, but the examination. Rev. W. M. where people can be reached for

MISSISSIPPIAN APPROVED

Mrs. W. A. Lockler, wife of This is the seventh young min Pastor Lockler, of Riverview ister ordained by the Rocky Church in Jacksonville, is now the Mount Church during the pasto- approved Junior worker for Flori-

The Locklers are from Gulf-

port and Handsboro, and former good workers in that association. We are glad of their fine work in Florida.

APPLY NOW FOR TULSA CLINIC, GAINER E. BRYAN, JR., BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

A program to conserve the results of "A Million More in '54" will be offered at the conventionwide Bible Teachinig Clinic, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., Feb. 22-26.

Sponsoring the five-day event will be the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., Dr. J. N. Barnette, secretary. A. V. Washburn, superintendent of teaching and training, will preside.

Tulsa Baptist churches will provide accommodations and three meals a day for a maximum of 500 out-of-town clinicians. There will be a registration fee of \$10.

Space is still available for about 150 persons to apply for entertainment, Dr. Barnette stated. Applications should be mailed immediately to state Sunday school headquarters or Dr. J. N. Barnette, 161 8th Ave., North, Nashville 3. Tenn.

Those especially urged to apply are pastors, educational directors, Sunday school superintendents, teachers, and associational officers responsible for the promotion of better Bible teaching.

"Bible material relating to current lessons will be analyzed and definite help given in lesson planning, teaching methods, and classroom procedure," Dr. Barnette declared. "Principles of teaching will be presented in morning general sessions and will be applied in age group conferences each evening. There will be conferences on visual aids, buildings, and library work."

Among those on the program are Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board; Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foundation; Dr. Barnette; Dr. H. H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Other leaders will come from Baptist seminaries, teachers' colleges, various departments of the Baptist Sunday School-Board, state Baptist field forces, and outstanding Baptist churches.

In charge of local arrangements are Leo M. Perry, superintendent of missions, and Cecil P. Ruff, associational Sunday school superintendent, Tulsa-Rogers Baptist As-



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	State Convention	"M" Night	"M" Night	
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Alcora	****	150	7	5
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Benton			**	:
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Calhoun	15	479	28	14
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Choctaw				
Clarke				
Copiah		242	14	14
Covington		410	15	10
DeSoto		359	6	4
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Pontotoc		389	17	8
Prentiss		62		
Rankin		268	20	10
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Tate		139		
Tippah		210	11	11
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Union				
Union County		182	12	5
Walthall		135	12	11
Warren		282	10	3
Washington				
Wayne		76	7	4-
Winston		291	13	8
Yazoo		155	13	11
Yalobusha			494	-
Zion			-	-

Counselor's Corner



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and 'The Religion of Sound Mind."

He writes this colum each week for the Baptist Record.

DAUGHTER'S CLOTHES

says for a woman not to wear that valuable service to the board. which pertaineth to a man, But may I wear jeans to school today?" it is hard for me to know what Texas. to say. I think of God and His-Word.

What is the right thing to do? I know that whatever we do will Mrs. G. W. Smith greatly influence others.

Answer: The scripture you refer position of Proto about a woman not wearing a motional Secreman's clothing, is Deut. 22:5. It tary and Director was spoken to the children of of Youth Activi-Israel about. 1400 years before ties of the Bass-Christ. If we apply these instruc- field Baptist tions about clothing to our day, Church where her we ought also to forbid the plait- husband is pasing of the hair and the wearing tor. Mrs. Smith received the deof jewelry (1 Tim. 2:9 and 1 Peter gree of Bachelor of Religious Edu-3:3)

This seems to me to be a kind of literalism which has done the cause of Christ a great deal of harm. Christians are to be peculiarly good and useful, not just peculiar.

No, instructions about dress and customs were written to the people of a particular age and country. The principles involved, of wearing clothes which show good religious outlook, is a good one for all time. But each decade has its fads, crazes, and fashions in dress. There are usually no moral or religious issues involved in these. They are simply folk customs.

Let your daughter wear whatever she looks cutest in, provided it is not indiscreet. (I have an 8 year old daughter myself.) Do not penalize her because she is religious.

The Bible, as most Christians understand it, does not give any instruction about how long to wear the hair, what length skirts to wear, nor whether to use smear proof lipstick or none.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri) -BR-

Rev. Noel Barlow, who was ordained in Davis Memorial Church, Jackson, (now Crestwood) in 1948, has resigned as pastor of the Mont Rose Church, Arkansas, to become associational missionary of the Delta Association, with headquarters, at Dermott, Arkansas,

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Orvitte Groner Memorial Fund Established

DALLAS, Texas - Orville Groner, treasurer of the Relief and Annuity Board who passed away January 4, will be memorialized by a fund to be used by the Relief Department for grants to aged

The movement to open the fund was a spontaneous one, coming from friends in Akron, Ohio, New York, and Dallas. These friends sent in checks, expressing the desire to contribute to a fund honor-Question: I know that the Bible ing Mr. Groner for his long and

Any centributions sent to this when my 10 year old daughter fund should be so designated: Orcomes to me and says, "Daddy, ville Groner Memorial Fund, Rehef and Annuity Board, Dallas,

Promotional Secretary

has accepted the



cation from the New Seminary in 1952. BR

The Training Union of the Mt. Zion Church in Webster County believes in training and then doing. According to the secretary, Mrs. Wiley Sibley, the Training Union from its own treasury has not only paid its own expenses during the past year, but, has paid for the Baptist Record on the EVERY FAMILY Plan. It has now voted to send 10 per cent of its own offerings to the Cooperative Program. Mrs. Sibley backed up the vote by sending a check for \$3.25 for Cooperative Program objects. This represents one-tenth of the offering for the past quarter.

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR. 25 YEARS AGO-

Pastor W. S. Allen of the Bay St. Louis and Pass Christian churches tells of the fine reception the family has received on their arrival on the new field. He reports also of the laying of the cornerstone of the new building of the Pass Christian Church. (Note: Mr. Allen is still pastor of the Pass Christian church now, twentyfive years later, and going

The Sumrall Baptist Church has just completed their \$25,000 new brick building, and Pastor N. J. Lee and people are jubi-

Rev. Billy Roland, who has been licensed to preach by the Hillsobore Church has been doing supply work for several churches in Scott county. He is a student at Forest High School.



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The Free Trial Plan of the Baptist Record is becoming more and more popular. One of the latest Evangelistic Crusade in the Panachurches to try the Promotion Plan is Roseland Park Church in Pearl of Panama, January 29 through River County. The pastor is Rev. February 7: Dr. William P. Davis, Gordon H. Halbert.

for a few weeks, the pastor wrote Duck, Morton; Rev. C. A. Alexanand asked that the list be continued der, Booneville; and Rev E. D. and promised that new names will Estes, (Big Ridge), Biloxi. be added as people move their membership into the church.

County are now listed as follows: Mexico and Guatamala, arriving BETHAL, 77; CARRIERE, 37; in Panama City, Republic of Pana-CORINTH, 63; Gainesville, 1; ma, Friday, January 29 GOODYEAR, 66; Harmony, JUNIPER GROVE, 66; NAPOLE- by Dr Guy Bellamy, Secretary ON, 25; NEW HENLEYFIELD, 35; of Negro Work of the Home Mis-OAK HILL, 45; PICAYUNE, sion Board of the Southern Bap FIRST, 327; PINE GROVE, 79; tist Convention and Rev. R. G. Poplarville, FIRST, 130; ROSE. Van Royen, Superintendent of Mis-LAND PARK, 46; SANTA ROSA, sions of the Republic of Panama 40; STEEP HOLLOW, 48; UNION, 29; WHITE SAND, 28; West Poplarville, 18; Crane Creek, 1; duals are pa FORD'S CREEK, 27; NEW PAL of the trip. ESTINE, 79; OLIVE, 34.

Antioch Is Number 1078

Antioch Church in Holmes County is one or the latest additions to the growing list of courches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record Rev. M. K. Massey is the pastor

Beginning now the Antioch Baptists are going to keep up with Baptist affairs at home and abroad

Record readers in Holmes County are now listed as follows

BEULAH, 41; Bowling Green, 1; CRUGER, 29; DURANT, 132; Ebenezer, 19; GOODMAN, 80; HAR-LAND'S CREEK, 21; HORSESHOE 29; LEXINGTON, 131; MT. PLEA-SANT, 39 Oak Grove, 19; PLEA-SANT RIDGE 40; TCHULA, 64; WEST, 32; PICKENS, 57; Mt. Vernon, 1; Oregon, 11; ANTIOCH, 21.

Oakhurst Starts Right

Again emphasizing the fact that "A good beginning means a good ending," the newly organized deacon. Oakhurst Church of Clarksdale, begins with the Baptist Record as Home Mission Board a part of its program. Most of the Prepares 29-Yr. Program members of Oakhurst Church were already getting the Baptist Record is not new to them.

Record readers in Riverside Association are now listed as follows: OAKHURST, 295; Fair- ed with J. P. Edmunds, Nashville, haven, 18; DUNDEE, 24; TUNICA, chairman. 106; BELEN, 24; CROWDER, 24; Importance of rural churches to DARLING, 79; HOLLYWOOD, 31; Southern Baptists, a survey of fur-LAMBERT, 128; MARKS, 169; al areas, goals for the 25 Year SLEDGE, 26; Walnut, 3; CLARKS- Program, and methods of enlist-DALE, 150; JONESTOWN, 38; ing states and convention agen-LULA, 68; LYON, 84; Reynolds cies were topics discussed in the Memorial, 2; Union Chapel, 1; meeting. RIVERSIDE, 56.

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FIVE MISS. PASTORS TO EVANGELIZE

By invitation of the Home Mission Board the following Missisparty of twenty pastors in an ma Canal Zone and the Republic Flora Church; Dr. G. C. Hodge, After trying the free trial plan First Church, Biloxi; Rev. Carl

The party will leave on Monday, January 25, for an inspection trip Record readers in Pearl River of Southern Baptist Missions in

6: The Crusade will be directed and the Canal Zone.

Churches and interested individuals are paying all the expenses



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MORTON HAS FULL DAY

It seems that Rev. Dan Morton; pastor of Calvary Church, Greenwood had a full day on Sunday, January 17.

There were two professions of faith, three additions by letter, and one rededication.

At the evening service the church licensed H. E. "Buddy" Burke to the ministry. He plans to enter Clarke College this week.

Having nothing else to do, Pastor Morton also assisted the Itta Bena Church and its pastor, Rev. Otis Seale, in the ordination of a

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A committee representative of Record while members of the every agency of the Southern Bap-Clarksdale Church. Therefore, the tist Convention met in the Baptist Home Mission Board Building, Dr. F. K. Horton is the pastor. January 4 to plan a 25 year Rural Church Program.

A survey committee was nam-

A report of the survey and tentative goals will be brought before The Baptist Record appreciates a convention-wide meeting of a copy of the minutes of the rural pastors and missionaries, di-1953 session of the Pearl River rected by S F. Dowis, Secretary Association. It met at Carriere of the Co-operative Missions Deon Friday, October 9. The min- partment of the Home Mission utes are quite attractively pre- Board, May 11-14, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia.

Second Week Of Leadership IN PANAMA CANAL ZONE Conferences Begins Monday

With the first week of the fourth annual series of Leadership Consippi Baptist pastors will join a ferences and Brotherhood Rallies successfully completed last week, the second week will get underway Monday of next week, Jan. 25, at the Eupora Church.

> In spite of inclement weather last week attendance was good and the spirit of the meetings was high.

Directing next week's conferences again will be Dr. Chester L. Quarles, state executive secretarytreasurer, with Dr. S. F. Dowis, secretary of Cooperative Missions, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, as the visiting out-of-state speaker.

Tuesday's meeting will be held at East End Church in Columbus. with no meeting scheduled for Wed-

Thursday's conference will be held at Southside Church, Meridian and the scene for Friday will be shifted to Carthage Church.

Each day's schedule will begin at 9:30 with morning, afternoon and evening sessions scheduled.

The morning and afternoon meetings are primarily for the leadership conferences while the night sessions are devoted to the Brotherhood Rallies.

conference most convenient to him. igan.



Outline Studies In The New Testament (\$3.50) by William G. Moorehead will be of great help Anglican Bishop Bars to students in colleges and seminaries, as well as for private study of books from Acts to Ephesians. A short synopsis of each book is given, setting forth the theme of the book; then the main sections of each book are expounded. Dr. Moorehead, an outstanding Bible scholar, deals with difficult passages in a frank and fearless man-Every pastor, church worker, ner, Order from the Baptist Book leader and office in east-central Store or from the publisher, Baker Mississippi is urged to attend the Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Mich-

The Baptist Record Committee Reviews The Past Year's Work

the report made by the Com- are not used. mittee of the Convention Board

Annually cost Mississippi Baptists not print as many sermons as it between \$3,000 to \$10,000 each year. should. This suggestion was by-This was no fault of the adminis- passed when Dr. Goodrich told us tration. There were three factors that the increased size of the pathat contributed to the loss:

(1) High priced printing contract; (2) an expensive grade of The committee commends the edbook-paper used, and (3) a low itor for the neatness of the paper, subscription rate and circulation. for its efficiency in news coverage

State Convention and has made lower than that of any other state shall begin shortly. paper, size considered.

The general condition in the ediyear the Baptist Record printed serving Mississippi Baptist. at a cost of \$14,310, free material for all departments of our State program. The cirulation gain for the last year was 4,394. Present circulation is 82,277.

It was called to the attention of the committee that often times material neitrely unsuited for printing, in its submitted form, is edited and that antagonizes cercain segments. Others entirely unfamiliar with the mechanics of writing headlines submit them with SEE PAGE TWO

(Editor's Note: We give below take affront when those headlines

One of the committee suggested to report on the Baptist Record.) to Dr. Goodrich that he had heard Prior to 1941 the Baptist Record the complaint that the Record did per to accomodate a sermon week ly would cost \$250 per week.

Since 1941 the Baptist Record and for its doctrinal soundness. has received no subsidy from the The editor is eagerly looking forward to the publication of a series for the Convention in excess of of doctrinal discussion written by \$100,000 that has been turned back various Baptist theologians and into the Treasury for Kingdom pastors. All of this material has cause. Yet our subscription rate is peen submitted and this series

The committee further compared our paper with those exchanged torial department is healthy. Our from other states and found that circulation per capita is matched our paper is on a par with best by Texas and S. Carolina. Last and far surpasses the others in

> Van H. Hardin Frank Campbell J. M. Metts J. W. Marshall Committee



MISSISSIPPIAN TO GET HONORARY DEGREE

Rev. Edward L. Byrd, now on lend-lease to South Carolina, will be honored by Furman University South Carolina's Baptist College) at Commencement Exercises on next May 30.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity will be conferred on Rev. Edward L. Byrd, now pastor of the First Church, Florence, South Carolina.

Pastor Byrd was born at Mt. Olive, Mississippi, 41 years ago, son of Dr. J. E. Byrd and Leona McNeil Byrd. His father was for 35 years state Sunday school secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Mr. Byrd is an A. B. graduate of Mississippi College and ThM. of Southern Seminary. His previous pastorates include Holly Springs and Highland, Meridian.

Mrs. Byrd is the former Nora Beatrice Brown of Weathersby. ___BR-

United Communion Service

LONDON (RNS) - A proposed united Holy Communion service, scheduled to be held at St. Peter's church in Thetford, Norfolk, on Jan. 17, was baned by the Rt. Rev. Percy Mark Herbert, Bishop of Norwich.

Bishop Herbert said he had barred the service, in which Free Churchmen would have taken part, on the grounds that persons unconfirmed by an Anglican bishop would have received the Sacrament at an Anglican service.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: And yet Baptists are severely criticized for practising restricted Commu-

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Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. Bracey Campbell For January 24

JESUS AND THE SAMARITANS Bible Text: John 4.

I. THE SAMARITANS

1. Location. They inhabited a region north of Judea and south of Galilee and west of Perea. In this situation, the River Jordan was the eastern boundary.

2. Their origin. Of course their territory was a part of the original Land Of Israel. When the Northern Kingdom of Isreal fell beneath the fig tree, saw her and to the conqueror and the inhabi- her people in their dire need of tants of the land were carried into captivity, a few of them remained "Living water" of life. His oblibehind, having hidden themselves, gation to bring to these degraded no doubt, in the woods among the

land with colonists of another Samaria. race, and these foreign colonists in time absorbed the Israelites yet remaining in the territory It stood at the foot of a hill which became Samaria, but had upon which stood the village of their native pagan religion modi- Sychar. I am told that the name fied by that of the Israelites. The in its native language means the new mixed race adopted the five place or home of the drunkard, books of Moses as their Bible and or of the liar. So the village was evolved a form of religion dif- Drunkville or Liarsburg. ferent from both of the original Our Lord stopped at the well ones. So the Samaritans of our Lord's day were a mixed or mongrel race holding and practicing a religion different from the religion of their fathers.

3. Their attitude towards the Jews. This was likely a reaction to the attitude of the Jews toward them. These Jews, returning from the Babylonian captivity found this race of mixed breeds occupying the territory to the north of Judea and at once assumed an air of ority toward them and looked down, way down upon them. The Samaritans paid this attitude of the Jews back with an intense, hatred, which, we are told, issued Jew who had ventured into Samaria, and on occasions more frequent, the robbery of such a Jew. II. ATTITUDE OF THE JEWS

TOWARD THE SAMARITANS I have touched upon this already So intense was the hatred of the Jews for the Samaritans, coupled, treatment of any Jew who might venture into Samaria, that in most cases of a Jew who had reason east into Perea and proceed along maria and thence recross the river me! into Galilee. It was rarely that a Jew crossed Samaria into Galilee on account of this wall of racial

and religious prejudice. III. OUR LORD GOES THROUGH SAMARIA

He left Judea and took His journey into Galilee. He had spent sometime in labors in Judea, but His progress there had been troubled and impeded by the opposition of the Jews. So He MUST me this water." He go through Samaria?

cause He knew the spiritual condition of the Samaritans and longed to bring them to a knowledge of the truth and to break down the middle wall of partition between the races-to show at last, that the God of Israel was the merciful Father of the whole human family, willing the death of no one of any race, bt willing that all should come to repentance, maintaining the attitude of the father heart to all races and conditions of men.

I make no slightest doubt that He saw this sinning woman whom He met at Jacob's well even as He saw the Guileless Nathaniel a knowledge and possession of the people the priceless boon of this living water constituted the must The conqueror repopulated the which compelled Him to go through

IV. THE INCIDENT AT THE WELL

which stood by roadside at the foot of the hill on which Drunkville stood. It was the noon hour when He and his disciples reachway, no doubt, led up the hill to the village. Here He stopped to rest while His disciples went up the hill into the town to buy the making of a noonday lunch. Duncan, President of the Board While He was sitting by the well, and pastor of the First Church. less woman of Samaria to draw gifts. water from the well which may have been the sole water suply this one requirement, that those of the town.

in the murder occasionally of a ing a conversation, and a demon-found the living water. When she stration of His skill as a teacher. had done this, she forgot what She was thinking of water and she had come for, left her water Jesus laid hold of the thought in jar, ran back up the hill into the her mind to proceed in His instructivillage and entreated the men she tion from the known to the un-found on the street to come and known, as He sought to bring to meet her Savior. her a knowledge of the profound V. EFFECT OF THE WOMAN'S doctrine He had sought to teach no doubt, with a fear of rough so recently to the leading teacher. The men, who knew of her forof the day under the figure of the New Birth.

to go into Galilee, the practice does it happen that you, a Jew, they started at once to meet the was to cross the Jordan to the asks water of me, a Samaritan Man. They went down the hill to woman. (a) You, a Jew asks wa- Him and He was so gracious in a highway east of the Jordan to ter of me, a Samaritan (b) wo- His speech to them that they bea point above the border of Sa- man? That was something, believe sought Him to abide a while with

water." The woman did not know gracious ministry. 1:. That salvation is a gift. 2. That this gift may be had merely for the asking 3. "And who it is" She did not know her Savior. 4. That the water of life quenches the thirst of the soul

4. The woman's request. "Give

go through Samaria. But He was 5. The one condition requisite not compelled to go through Sa- to the gift, "Bring your husband," maria because of any geograph- This request was made that she ical condition. Why, then, must might understand at last that those who come for the water of life I think it was undoubtedly be must "come lean." Face up to



Above are people from Trinity Church, Vicksburg, who have dedicated their lives to be missionaries, preachers, or full-time Christian workers, during the past two years.

They are: first row (left to right): Dorothy Powell, Serena Reed, Margaret Yates, Audrey Walker, Alice Rose, and Dorothy Williams. Second row: Mrs. William McDaniels, Betty Whitehead, Laura Boone, Martha Whitehead and Mrs. Dixie McMullen. Third row: Melvin Holman, Mr. Clyde Suber, Allen Bliss, Jr., and Wil-

Three other volunteers who are not pictured are Ernest Moore, Betty Welch and Wyvette Dungan.

Wing Retires From **Home Mission Board**

J. W. Wing has retired from the Home Mission Board after serving as Office Secretary (Accountant) and Superintendent of the Church Building Loan Fund for 33 years

A life-time Sheaffer pen and pencil and a set of sterling silver goblets were presented to Mr. ed this well, from which a broad Wing by the office force and local members of the Board in a meeting in the Chapel. Courts Reford, Executive Secretary and W. A came this nameless and shame- East Point, Georgia, presented the

who come to Jesus must forsake 1. The request. "Give Me a the unclean life. When the Lord drink." This was His way of open- had made the woman do this, she

WITNESS

mer manner of life, saw something so new and different in her whole 2: The woman's response. "How face and form and bearing that them, and He abode there two 3. Jesus' response to this ques- days, during which sojourn many tion, "If thou knewest . . . thou of them believed upon Him, havwouldst have asked. . . Living ing heard and seen Him in His

> And a gracious part of this effect was that upon our Lord as He pointed His disciples to the scene and arena of their life-work and the great effects of it. They were to be harvesters in fields sown and cultivated by others. And that is also the work of all His harvesters since that day. Others in other ages have planted and cultivated and it is the happy privilegt of us who labor for Him now to reap harvests sown - others

Pathway To Power (\$2.00) is a devotional book which will be helpful to Sunday School teachers, and to everyone interested in personal witnessing. Ministers could use any one of the chapters for building a sermon. A power-filled life is outlined in such chapter titles as: Praying without Ceasing, Knowing God's Will, Overcoming Fear, Triumphing in Christ, Giving Ourselves to the Lord. The author is Merrill F. Unger, Order from the Baptist Store or from the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids,

Lofton Ordained

Pat Lofton was ordained to the ministry by the Ramah Church in Franklin county on January 10, and has been called as pastor of the New Salem Church in Franklin county.

The Council was composed of W. J. Hughes, host pastor, moderator and R. F. Hallford.

The charge was given to church by Rev. Mel Craft, and the charge to the candidate by Rev. H. A. Merritt, Rev. W. J. Hughes delivered the sermon and Rev. J. M. Spikes presented the

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Editor Goodrich was called to Bradenton, Fla., on Tuesday, Jan. 19, to attend the funeral of his granddaughter, Jean Ellen Housman, six-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Housman. Mrs. Housman is the former Jean Goodrich.

The Canadian Baptist, published by the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec and the Baptist Union of West Canada, completed 100 years of publication in December and has now begun the second 100.

The economics bureau of a national life insurance company has 19 reported the American people are 68 spending twice as much per min- suth; J. Mack Jones, Port Gib-178 ute for liquor as they are for 51 religious, charitable, and educa- lege; Ivelices Veitia, Clarke Col-58 tional institutions During 1953, ac- lege; Jimmy Hathorn, Clarke 47 cording to the bureau, the Ameri- College; Rev. Norman S. Deaton; 161 can people spent \$8,500 a minute Mrs. Zeke Allen and Jackie Jack-119 in religious, charitable and educa- son; and Sheryl Smith, Jackson. 49 tional donations and spent \$17,000 82 a minute for alcoholic beverages Baptist Building were: Rev. H. P. Other national per minute expen-102 ditures included: Federal taxes. 75 \$135,000; national defense, \$85,000; foreign aid, \$11,000; state and local taxes \$38,000. The American income was calculated at \$600,000



Shown above is the Junior Choir of the First Church, Ellisville, as it rendered the program "The Message of the Christmas Bells" during the evening service Dec. 20. The choir is under the leadership of Mrs. John Oakes, accompanied by Miss Kay Kyzar. Dr. John Oakes is the paster.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. A. L. Chumbley, Sardis; Rev. W. M. Averett, Richton; Rev. A. Ward, Port Gibson; Levi Ayers, Kosson; J. Roque Silva, Clarke Col-Among the recent visitors in the McDonald, Lena: Dr. R. P. Butler, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Bobbie Sue Williams, Clinton; Victor Johnson, Jr., Clinton; W. L. Stringer, Bay Springs; Tom Sims, Clinton; Payton Myers, Clinton; Frank Gunn, Clinton; Fitzhugh Dabney, Morton; Rev. Melvin T. Wuson,

ate of the Oakvale Church in Lawrence County. He succeeds Rev. Bryant Leverett. Both Mr. and Mrs. Northcutt are students at the New Orleans Seminary, but will spend the week-ends in the home which the church recently purchased for the pastor.

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Lay men and women will be sti-40 mulated to a new love for and interest in their church by reading the book by Wilbur La Roe, Jr., entitled The Church We Love. The book gives the reader an understanding of his place in the church his responsibility to it and its real help to him. While addressed pri-381 marily to laymen, the book will also be of great value to ministers. 265 Order from the Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, Nashville 2, Tenn. or from the Baptist Book Store at 129 \$1.25.

Keeping The Faith is the 1954 Training Union theme and is also the title of a book of twelve ser-162 mons compiled by J. E. Lambdin, 168 Southwide Training Union director 112 The sermons are parallel with the 12 monthly themes concerning faith. P. Davis, Flora; Rev. H. H. Ward, 74 which will be used during the 116 year. These will be excellent com- ell, New Orleans, Louisiana; Rev. mentaries on the Training Union B. W. Hudson, Louisville; H. B. themes for the year and will be Harrison, Pascagoula; Sibe Dale, useful to pastors, directors, leaders, sponors and all Training Union members as resource materials for assembly programs and devotionals. Published by the Broadman Press, the book should be ordered from the Baptist Book Store, Price: \$1.75.

Our readers should clip the series of doctrinal articles now appearing in the Baptist Record. By doing so you will accumulate the equivalent of an excellent book on Biblical doc-

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The speaker selected for the annual meeting of the Jackson Y. M. C. A. is Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Church of Jackson. The meeting is to be held Sunday afternoon, January 24 at 3:30 o'clock in the YMCA Building. A cordial invitation to attend is extended to all interested parents and others of the city. Opportunity will be provided to inspect the building.

TORONTO - Two Roman Catholic nuns teaching in the high school at Hawkesbury, a village in eastern Ontario, have been ordered to remove crucifixes and rosaries from their religious garb while they are teaching. The rul-Rev. O. L. Northcutt of Macon, ing was issued by W. J. Dunlop, SEE PAGE TWO Georgia, has accepted the pastor- Minister of Education for Ontario, who announced that the nuns had agreed to comply. A deputation of plication for a forty-year, low in

> erine R. Pierce, Jackson; Leland the Trust and Memorial Fund, H. Waters, Home Mission Board, and the appointment of the conny, Hernando; Rev. W. C. Burns, Kokomo; Mr. Bill Roberts, Kokomo; Rev. Archie J. Chapman, New been reprinted by the Zondervan Haven; J. H. Ray, Terry; Mrs. Publishing House, Grand Rapids, B. C. Rush, Vaughan; L. B. Saun- Micigan, from Richard Baxter's ders, Pascagoula; W. P. Young, Moss Point; Rev. T. J. Delaughter, Pascagoula; Rev. Clarence Palmer, Chalybeate; Dr. William Kosciusko; Mrs. Roland Q. Leav-Columbia; Rev. W. T. Waring, Escatawpa; Rev. Chester Moulder, Hattiesburg.

> tist Student contains the following of special interest to Mississippians: "Christianity, Democracy More Effective." The second ediand Communism," by Dr. Robert tion of this volume (\$1.50) has been Spiro, professor of history at Mississippi College; report of sum- ing House, Grand Rapids, Michimer mission work in Hawaii by gan. The steps to a more effec-Hainon Miller of Clinton, student tive prayer life are clearly pointed at Tulane University; and Jesse out, and will draw one closer to Phillips, Ole Miss. is pictured with the Heavenly Father. Order from those in "State Presidents at Glothe Baptist Book Store or from rieta."

John D. Webb Ordained To Gospel Ministry

Rev. John D. Webb was ordained to the Gospel Ministry at a recent impressive service at the Bluff Springs Church in Benton County.

The service was especially impressive as he is the new paster of the church.

Rev. W. B. May, who baptized him several years ago, preached the sermon, while Rev. Marlin Ausburn presented the Bible Rev. Bob Rushing delivered the charge



PHOENIX, Ariz. -(BP)- Ap Protestants recently called on Dr. terest loan of \$440,000 from the Dunlop to protest the employment Housing and Finance Agency of of nuns in the school and to de-Canyon College was approved by mand that no religious emblems the Executive Board of the Bapbe displayed there. Dr. Dunlop's tist General Convention of Arizona order also instructs the nuns to recently. The money will be used use their proper names in the lege. Other action taken by the classroom rather than their re- board included, approval of the ligious name prefaced by "Sis-sale of eighty acres of Grand Canyon College land, the creation Among the recent visitors in the of a \$25,000 revolving fund to be Baptist Building were: Mrs. Cath- operated within the framework of Atlanta, Georgia; Chas. P. Dock-vention committees to function during 1954.

> A Call To The Unconverted has original classic. Dr. Baxter recognizes the reality of sin and makes a true evangelistic appeal to the non-Christian to "turn and live". Some of its many chapter titles are The Unquestionable Law of God. The Promise of God. The Sinner's Responsibility, Order from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher. Price: \$2.00

Prayer was the subject voted to be the "most needed sermon The February issue of The Bap-That was the reason for Dr. Her printed by the Zondervan Publish-

Natchez Citizens Face Law Enforcement Issue

present protest against gambling ed the letter as individual citizens and whiskey in Natchez just anoth- and not as ministers of their re- A. C. Johnson, J. Ralph Marshall, er flash in the pan, or will it be spective churches. They also stat- Jr., M. R. Megginson, Bob Parkan enduring effort deliberately ed that the findings on the ques- er, O. S. Plue, J. N. Rucker, V. S. planned to culminate in wiping tionnaire sent out, will be made Scott, E. O. Smith, Harvey L. these abuses out for all time to public to the press as to the posi- Smith, L. J. Stotts, J. Walton Ste-

come a burning question in Natch- aire follows: ez. These practices have had reign If elected do you promise a sin-tense. A wide open fight is being in historic Natchez for almost the two hundred years of its existence. At long intervals there has been an upsurge of civic righteousness, laws. but for only a short duration.

Such an upheaval took place in Prostitution. 1924 when Hon, Luther Whittington was elected Mayor of the city, alcoholic beverages. During his term of four years the city invested more money in permanent improvements, such as paved streets and new schools than it did in any other similar period, and did it without increasing the

On January 7 of this year there was a gathering of those who felt that the situation has gotten so bad that it must be dealt with. Rev. James Crumption of the West Side Baptist Church was the keynoter. He asked that a very short resolution be presented to the Board of Aldermen for adoption. The resolution provided that the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen instruct the police department to enforce the law, close up all gambling and whiskey places and keep them closed.

When this resolution was presented to the Board of Aldermen of Natchez one voted for it and eight against it.

Of the nine candidates that are now running for the office of sheriff and tax collector, seven have been silent on any reference to the law enforcement issue. To have declared their intention to close up all illegally operated places in the county, if they are elected. These are P. W. Stover and former Lieut. Governor J. B. (Billy) Snider.

Russell (Bob) Huber has announced for city marshall also one law enforcement platform. The election for sheriff, in which the one receiving the largest vote will win, will be held Tuesday, January 26. The election for city marshal, which carries with it the job of chief of police of the city, will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 9, and because it, too, is a special election, will not require a runoff, but will give the office to the one receiving the largest votes.

While the forces of law and order are endeavoring to arouse the citizeship to support the men who have declared themselves for law enforcement, the other group is also active.

A letter, signed by twenty-two ministers of the various churches of Adams county, including Natchez churches, has been mailed to all the candidates, The letter declares that the ministers signing the letter are not participating in the election as a group supporting

tion of the various candidates on wart, Jr., Louis Thomas, Roger Almost overnight this has be- the questions asked. The question- Williams.

cere and sustained effort:

1. To enforce law.

This was signed by the follow- law enforcement ticket.

ing ministers of the city and coun-

E. H. Babb, T. J. Boyd, Clarence Buie, Jr., Wayne Coleman, James W. Crumpton, W. L. Elkin, E. D. Gemeny, J. H. Hammett, H. B. Hilbun, A. J. Hoof, Julius Kerman, Charles Lucas,

Interest in the outcome is inmade, with the issue of law enforcement and non law enforce-2. To enforce anti-gambling ment having been made crystal clear. It is believed, therefore, that



Shown above is Chaplain Lessummons the soldiers to religious for foreign missions.

service. The scene is Wongis, Ko-

The last news from Chaplain Burnette was that he expected to be back in the states by January 1, 1954.

Concerning his work, Dr. Alfred Carpenter of the Southern Baptist Convention Chaplain's Commission states. "We consider Chaplain Burnette as one of our outstanding spiritual leaders in the military. Looking through his file it reads like a continuation of the twenty-eighth chapter of Acts. The Lord has used him in a mighty way as an evangelist, and especially as a missionary out in these areas."

While the Foreign Mission Board is pleading for \$1 per member for foreign missions each year through 3. To enforce laws dealing with if those who support the law enter E. Burnette, formerly pastor the Cooperative Program, the Genforcement program lose, it will be in Mississippi. Chap. Burnette is a eral Conference of Seventh Day 4. To enforce laws dealing with many years before any other can-native of Columbus. He is shown Adventists has adopted a goal of didate will venture to run on a ringing what is used for a bell to \$1 per week from every member

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